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July 17, 2001

Mr. Stephen Whaley, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: Sunrise Power Project (98-AFC-4C)
Approval of Project Change: Wastewater Recycling Disposal Option
Revised Condition of Certification GEO-3

Dear Mr. Whaley:

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff reviewed your petition received on June 15, 2001 to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Sunrise Power Project. The petition requested the addition of two wastewater disposal options (recycling and injection well) for the existing simple-cycle power plant operations. In accordance with your subsequent request, staff evaluated this petition only for the recycling option, which will require the construction of a 0.9 mile underground pipeline that will transition to an existing above-ground piperack to TCI's softwater treatment plant at Station 2-22. The injection well option is being evaluated under a separate amendment petition that was filed with the Energy Commission on June 25, 2001.

As directed by Governor's Executive Order D-25-01, concerning post-certification amendments, we have expedited review of this proposed project modification. On July 10, 2001, Energy Commission staff concluded that, subject to revised Condition of Certification **GEO-3** (enclosed), the proposed project change has no potential for adverse environmental or public health and safety impacts. Therefore, you are authorized to proceed with the simple-cycle wastewater disposal recycling option, subject to compliance with revised Condition of Certification **GEO-3**. A copy of this letter and staff analysis will be posted on the Energy's Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov, and we will file a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Tronaas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3864, or by e-mail at ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Nancy Tronaas, Energy Commission